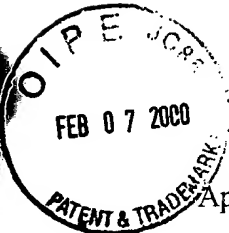


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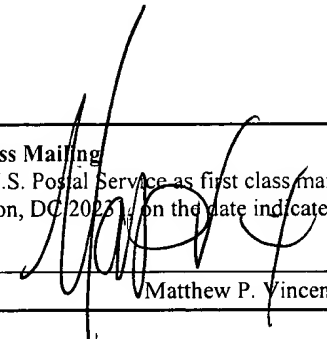
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated August 3, 1999. A request for a Three-Month Extension of time and appropriate fee are being submitted concurrently herewith, along with a Notice of Appeal. Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Amended)** A method for inhibiting proliferation of [hematopoietic] T cells engineered *ex vivo* to express a gene encoding a mutated macrolide binding protein (MBP), which method comprises contacting the cells with a macrolide which induces macrolide-dependent inhibition of proliferation of the cells.

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